

The lack of Australian studies about patients' knowledge and perceptions of healthcare-acquired infections provided the impetus for a pilot study in healthcare facilities in Far North Queensland

## GRANTS & ETHICS APPLICATIONS

Research needs funding & ethics  
Apply early and often for funding  
Having an experienced researcher helps both  
Keep ethics current

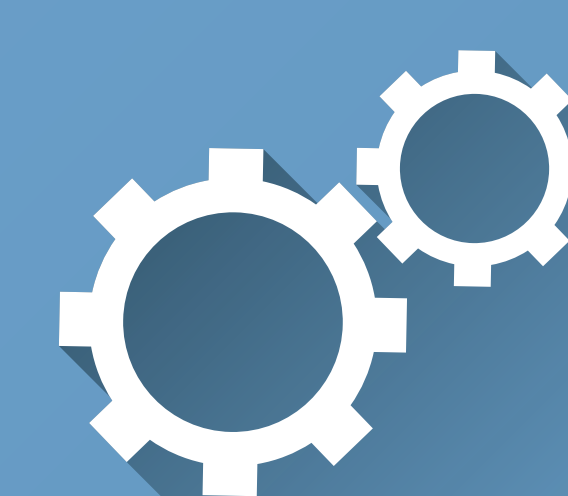
## LITERATURE SEARCH

Must be done  
Can you get help: librarian/honours student?  
Don't reinvent the wheel

## BARRIERS/PROBLEMS

Changes in health service management  
Attaining ethics approvals and site authorisations across multiple settings  
7 sites became 2  
Remote site participant recruitment (surgical lists)

## SURVEYS



## AN INTERESTING IDEA

Nurse-driven  
7 Far north Queensland sites  
1 University  
4 Health services  
1 Professor  
2 PhDs  
5 Infection control practitioners



## TELECONFERENCES

Diverse and distant sites  
Need to maintain contact  
Use of email/teleconference  
Skype  
Should consider file sharing apps

## PARTICIPANTS

Surgical patients at 2 sites  
29 male  
22 female

## AWARENESS & UNDERSTANDING

42 aware of HCAI risk  
36 adequate information  
41 adequate understanding  
Specific micro understanding poor

## SUGGESTIONS FOR PREVENTION

Alcohol-based handrub for staff & patients  
Involve patients in their care

## EMAILS

## PATIENTS ACQUIRE THEIR INFORMATION FROM

Doctors  
Hospital  
Television  
But media not always accurate

## PAPER SUBMITTED

Dissemination of results  
Journals are great but difficult  
Conferences/social media are options  
What about your health service?

# A RESEARCH JOURNEY

Undertaking a pilot study of patients' perceptions of healthcare-acquired infections

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